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1. HIGHLIGHTS:

--U.S. RELATED COVERAGE INCLUDES AN ITEM ON THE CCD AGREE-
MENT ON ENMOD. OTHER ITEMS CRITICIZE NATO AND U.S. ARMS
SALES TO PERSIAN GULF STATES.

PZVESTIYA AND PRAVDA BOTH CARRY SIGNED COMMENTARIES
MARKING THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF
THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT. THE QA IS GIVEN PLACE AMONG
THE MOST IMPORTANT OF POSTWAR AGREEMENTS (AN "IMPORTANT
ELEMENT IN DETENTE" TITLES PROCLAIM), AND BOTH PAPERS POINT
OUT NECESSITY TO STRICTLY OBSERVE ITS PROVISIONS, OF WHICH
THE MOST IMPORTANT IS THAT BERLIN NOT BECOME A PART OF
FRG. TONE IS FACTUAL AND RESTRAINED.

--IZVESTIYA'S INTERNATIONAL COMMENTARY AND PRAVDA'S COMMENTA-
TOR'S COLUMN BOTH FOCUS ON THE NEED TO SUPPORT THE CONVOCA-
TION OF A NEW STOCKHOLM PEACE CONFERENCE.

--PRAVDA HAS TASS TRIPOLI ITEM CITING LIBYAN LEADER QADHAFI'S
NATIONAL DAY REMARKS. QADHAFI REPORTEDLY EXPLAINED LIBYAN-
EGYPTIAN DIFFERENCES AS RESULT OF LIBYA'S OPPOSITION
TO SEPARATE AGREEMENTS AND TO STRENGTHENING POSITION OF
U.S. AFTER DESCRIBING EGYPTIANS MILITARY BUILDUP
ON LIBYAN BORDER, QADHAFI SAID LIBYA WAS NOT PLANNING
TO FIGHT EGYPT, THAT LIBYA WOULD USE ARMS ONLY AGAINST
COMMON ENEMIES OF ARAB NATION. TV NEWS (SEPT 2)
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CARRIED SIMILAR REPORT.

--LEBANESE COVERAGE (IN PRAVDA AND KZ) DESCRIBES
FIGHTING BETWEEN SYRIAN UNITS AND DETACHMENTS OF NATIONAL
PATRIOTIC FORCES AND PALESTINIAN MOVEMENT. COVERAGE
MENTIONS ARRIVAL OF TWO U.S. DIPLOMATS IN JUNIYA. PLO
ORGAN FALESTYN AS SAURD" (PHONETIC) REPORTEDLY CARRIED
LEAD ARTICLE EMPHASIZING "NECESSITY OF IMMEDIATE

WITHDRAWAL OF SYRIAN TROOPS FROM LEBANON". FINALLY, ARTICLE DESCRIBES PLO SPOKESMAN AL-KADDUMI'S SHARP CRITICISM OF U.S. POLICY WHICH REPORTEDLY APPEARED IN CAIRO "AL-MUSSAWAR".

--CONTINUING A RECENT TREND, PRAVDA CARRIES A TASS ITEM DESCRIBING POLITICAL ALLIES HELD AROUND THE SOVIET UNION IN SUPPORT OF STRUGGLE OF PALESTINIAN AND LEBANESE "PATRIOTS" AGAINST IMPERIALIST PLOTS IN LEBANON.

--PRAVDA HAS AN ARTICLE LABELLED "OPINION OF A COLUMNIST", BY M. ZENOVICH WHICH SHARPLY CRITICIZES SECRETARY'S PLANNED MEETING WITH PM VORSTER AND U.S. POLICY TOWARD SOUTHERN AFRICA IN GENERAL.

--KZ HAS SMALL FRONT PAGE ITEM MENTIONING MALIAN MIN DEF DOUKARD'S VISIT TO ZIL AUTOMOBILE PLANT.

--PRAVDA REPORTS THE VIETNAM-LAOS COMMUNIQUE FOLLOWING SRV DEPUTY PREMIER LE THANH NGHI'S VISIT. ACCORDING TO TASS ACCOUNT, HANOI OFFERED VIENTIANE AID AND CREDIT FOR 1976-1977, THE USE OF THE PORT OF DANANG, AND A RAILWAY TO THE PORT.

--PRAVDA REPORTS WITHOUT COMMENT THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT'S SUBMISSION TO PARLIAMENT OF PROPOSALS TO AMEND THE COUNTRY'S LAWS AND CONSTITUTION.

2. U.S.

--PRAVDA CARRIES A TASS GENEVA ITEM REPORTING THE CCD'S AGREEMENT ON AN ENMOD DRAFT.

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--KZ CARRIES WRAUP PIECE BY TASS CORRESPONDENT N. SETUNSKIY ON U.S. ARMS SALES TO PERSIAN GULF AND ME, PARTICULARLY TO IRAN AND SAUDI ARABIA. ARTICLE SITES U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT ON DANGER OF U.S. POLICY IN REGION CREATING MILITARY OBLIGATION WHICH MIGHT DRAG U.S. INTO POTENTIAL MILITARY CONFLICTS IN ME.

--KZ CARRIES AN ITEM BY REGULAR CONTRIBUTOR A. LEONT'YEV CALLED "WHERE TO FIND AN ENEMY?" THE ARTICLE CITES NEWSWEEK SAYING THAT AFTER THE VIETNAM WAR THE U.S. HAD "NO OFFICIAL ENEMY," AND CHARGES THAT SOME AMERICANS SEEK TO ASSIGN THE ROLE TO THE SOVIET UNION. NATO COMMANDER HAIG AND FRG DEF MIN LEBER ARE CHARGED WITH FOSTERING THAT VIEW, WHICH ITSELF CONSTITUTES A THREAT TO PEACE AND "A SERIOUS DANGER FOR ALL COUNTRIES

AND PEOPLES," LEONT'YEV CONCLUDES.
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